

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A system for mounting a heavy machine to a support, the heavy machine defining a lower surface with front and rear mounting apertures extending therethrough, the system comprising:

a frame including first and second longitudinal members each provided with a U-shaped channel;

at least one cross member for operatively connecting the longitudinal members at a predetermined spaced relation generally corresponding to a distance between the front and rear mounting apertures of the heavy machine; and

at least one fastening element including a washer having opposite longitudinal inner and outer sides and mounted to a respective U-shaped channel of each longitudinal member ~~and configured to move therein along mutually perpendicular longitudinal and lateral directions~~ ~~a plurality of paths extending transversely to one another~~ for reception within a respective one of the front and rear mounting aperture apertures of the heavy machine to secure the heavy machine to the frame.

2. (Previously Cancelled).

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 1, wherein the at least one fastening element includes a fastening bolt, a washer and a coil spring mounted to the bolt, the washer having a width smaller than a width of the U-shaped channel of the first and second longitudinal members to allow the coil spring to move on a bottom of the respective U-shaped channel to a position wherein the fastening bolt is received within the respective mounting aperture of the machine.

5. (Currently Amended) A mounting system, comprising:

a machine having a lower surface with front and rear mounting apertures;

a frame configured to support the lower surface and provided with:

first and second longitudinal members each having a an elongated U-shaped channel;

at least one cross member configured to selectively adjust a distance between ~~the longitudinal members~~ and to connect the first and second longitudinal members upon establishing a spaced relationship therebetween ~~generally~~ corresponding to a distance between the front and rear mounting apertures; and

at least one fastening element mounted to ~~in~~ a respective elongated U-shaped channel of each longitudinal member and including

a bolt having a head and a shank,

a washer having opposite longitudinal inner and outer sides traversed by the bolt, and

a coil spring surrounding the head of the bolt and braced between a bottom of the elongated U-shaped channel and the longitudinal inner side of the washer to bias the washer against a top of the elongated U-shaped channel so that the washer, when pivoted to a position in which the longitudinal inner and outer sides of the washer extend perpendicular to the elongated U-shaped channel, configured to move moves therein along mutually perpendicular longitudinal and lateral directions a plurality of paths extending transversely to one another for reception of an outer end of the shank within a respective one of the front and rear mounting apertures to secure the machine to the frame.